Losses incurred by Delhi milk scheme

1358. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :

DR. ABRAR AHMED :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the year-wise losses incurred by the DMS during last five years ;

(b) whether involvement of high officials of DMS in the bunglings resulting in heavy losses is suspected ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) The losses incurred by Delhi Milk Scheme during the last five years are indicated below :—

(b) and (c) No, Sir, The losses are primarily on account of the low sale price of liquid milk supplied by Delhi Milk Scheme.

Procurement of chillies by NAFED

1359. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the NAFED has procured chillies from the marketing yard, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) the quantum of chillies exported and that held up at various ports for want of quality control ;

(d) whether there were any allegations regarding the whole transaction ; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken to redress the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NAFED has procured chillies from the marketing yard at Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) through the Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Marketing Federation Hyderabad which is a constituent Member of NAFED. The purchases were made through open auction regulated by the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Market Committee, Guntur.

(c) NAFED exported 3300 MTs of Chillies to Srilanka valuing Rs. 1075 lakhs and all the shipment were made from the Port of Tuticorin. However, a shipment of 137.5 MTs out of the above quantity could not be surveyed on account of late receipt of intimation about nomination of the surveyor from the buyer and this lot was ultimately got surveyed by the buyers at Colombo due to which NAFED had to pay a quality claim of 5%.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. However, Central Bureau of Investigation of their own after making some preliminary enquiry have suggested certain measures to ensure quality with reference to the price.

Establishment of ranches to grow cattle

1360. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a country-wide project to establish Ranches to grow cattle exclusively for butchering and exporting purpose to earn foreign currency, as this project or scheme may be necessary in view of the ban on beef export from 1st April, 1992 from the present cattle wealth of the Country ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of foodgrains

1361. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether production of foodgrains corresponds to the increase in population in our country ;

(b) if so, what is the ratio of agricultural population and population explosion in India; and

(c) the details of the methods and schemes which Government propose to adopt to equalise population growth and agricultural food production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The All India Foodgrains Production increased by 35.99 per cent from 1980-81 to 1990-91. The total population increased by 23.56 per cent from 1981 to 1991.

(c) For increasing the crop production the Government is implementing various schemes like Integrated Project for Rice Development (IPRD), Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Wheat (SFPP-Wheat), Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Maize & Millets, National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP), Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Pulses (SFPP-Pulses), etc.

Hazards of farming

1362. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that farming has become an increasingly hazardous occupation;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to use extension services and the media raise awareness amongst farmers on the danger of using agricultural implements and other agricultural inputs; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to reduce accidents in the farm sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The Government through several extension services, uses all forms of media—print (newspapers, periodicals, farm journals and magazines), electronic (radio & T.V.) and visual (film, exhibitions, fairs and demonstrations) to disseminate information amongst farmers on safe and proper use of farm equipments, pesticides and other agricultural inputs.

(c) (i) The Government of India have enacted the Dangerous Machines (Regulation) Act, 1983, with a view to securing the welfare of labour operating dangerous machines. The State Governments have been advised for enforcement of the Act. The scope of the Act, at present, is limited to power threshers.

(ii) The Registration Committee set up under the Insecticides Act, 1968, registers pesticides after evaluating their safety and efficacy.

(iii) Dissemination of information to raise awareness amongst farmers on proper and safe use of implements and other agricultural inputs, through extension services in the States, Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes and Programme of the India Council of Agricultural Research are expected to reduce accidents in the farm sector.

मदर डेयरी के सब्जी विक्रय केन्द्र

1363. **श्री सत्यप्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मदर डेयरी के सब्जी विक्रय केन्द्रों में बेची जा रही सब्जी आमतौर पर 10 से 15 दिन तक स्टोर करके रखे रहने के कारण सड़ी हुई होती है और संबंधित अधिकारी इस संबंध में की गयी किसी शिकायत पर कोई ध्यान नहीं देते हैं ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार उपभोक्ताओं के लिए एक पृथक शिकायत सेल गठित करने का विचार रखती है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।